ad no power to stay the hand of death.

Of great antiquity are the Roman key-

ings, used to keep the key of precious

hests or caskets ever at hand, and which

in middle ages secured the cumbrous ron "virtue lock" that busbands fastened

of iron or trass prolonged into a tobacco-topper. These may still be occasionally

deked up in the bargain hovels of Wardour

Twin cannon look like little opera glasses

on the back of a Dutch ring commemorating some victory, while from Bavaria

omes a great steel ring set with projecting with which the Bavarian peasant

lads fight for their loves.

Her first visit to American was in 1891

was her wrath when she learned that

Hasts Tavaty, was subordinate to a "sart" She had her revence, however,

The company's first appearance was in Chicago, where the audience went wild

over ber, and at last the manager act-ually pushed her on the stage to "make

a speech," that the performance might proceed. Her command of English was

very slight, and her agitation, naturally,

was extreme, but she managed to ex-

press her thanks, and finally was al-lowed to retire. Throughout the coun-

try there was a practical repetition of the

same scene. The star was completely ex-

son the company was distanded. Since

then Tayary has sum principally in concert

in America, although she has appeared a

lew times with the Abbey, Schoeffel and

Madame Tavary's return to New York

ras signatized by a marrow escape from a ragedy. Her tiny Mexican dog, the only

one of its kind in the country, came

by Ince draperies blowing into a flame in her room, white she was at dinner. The

fire was discovered in time to avert

serious daminge, but Madame could not

have a habit of lying beside the latest

worn sloes of master or mistress in his or her absence. Rushing to the wardrobe,

to her great relief she found little "Frisco"

The famous singer has acquired excel-

lent command of English since that event-ful night in Chicago, and regards the

United States as the most interesting coun

try in the world. "It has the most remark

able intellectual development, the most vitality and energy among the common peo

ple. The European lower classes are dol-

and apathetic. Here even the locksmith

who remains one's trunks, the man tho car

es then opsteirs, the very newstoys who

bring your owners, have a quick intelligence

and hiertness that one finds nowhere

Madame Tavary is a very pretty blonde

antural not oberdeals, of Rossian antent

age. Whe was married about eight year!

age to an Egyptian of high rank. Her husband accompanies her on her travels

Modern Wisdom in Love.

and acre is her business manager in a

general way.

sleeping pencefully by her slippers.

bered that thoroughbred dogs

Green Company.

company was called "The Minnie

nder contract with C. D. Hess.

TRILBY OF THE OPERA

Tavary the First Prima Donna of the Season to Arrive.

New York, Sept 11. Tavary, the Trilby of the operatio stage, is one of the first of the great prices donnas to arrive in America. Rumora have come to us across the was from time to time of the wonderful new opera. "La Beline," by Puccini, which Is to the runsical world what Du Maurier's erpace is to the interary and theatricul, but this is the first opportunity which Americans have had to see the famous existing of the opera, which has become the sensation of Rome and Milan for the past winter. This new opera, which has not yet been

perturned in America, is regarded by good judges, lociniting Madagas Tavary bersett as equal to Mascagni's remarkable "Cavallerta Rusticana." Her part-of course the leading tole is Minit a grisette somewhat of the Tellis order, and the story, Madamo Taxary thinks, it quite as strong as that of his Maurier, while the music is intense and original, trising at times to greatness." Given an opera as good as the "Excelleria," and a story as good as "Tritty," the result is a combination to agreed like whichive through this coun- find her dog in the smoke. In her despair try if once started. However, there is no probability of our houring it in America this year unless the singer herself should arompany, as the Abbey, Schoeffel & Gray Company has retired from the operational for the coming season. Bence, we must centent perselves with seeing and nearing the chief character in the opera especially since there are so many other interesting characteristics about this won. un who once mied a kingdom, though never

How dol she sway a kingdom? Inhappenedin the way. Being an ambitious young girl, she was not satisfied to has movely, but white studying with with Marriers she also studied dramatic action with Roger, the famous French teacher, al-though not quite seventeen. So rapid was her progress that site spon became a member of that fan sax opera company, which ren-dered Wagner's masterpases for the benefit of one collinry listener, but that a royalone, namely, Kurr Ludwig of Bavaria. One day De King calledfor his reader, but the reader was not to be found. What was to be done? singers bille. Basta (for that was her name then a natheonly one who had studied drarentle netten, and to the King she was

her to be an actiess, and, clarined by her reading, asked: "Can you sing?"
"Yes, Majesty, I are a singer at your

cours." Mile Basta replied. "I will hear you sine," brusquely said his ne Paly, and forth with ordered a representation of "Les Huguenots," With Basta as Maccaerite de Vadota. His fastidious Was assured. She became leading singer tions and much until the tragic death of Corning in 1886.

Wogney devontly approved of "Fran Masta," as shether was called, and shesing in several of the famous Beyreuth performstores. Her puritrait as Elsa luangs in the Royal Calleys at Munich-

Fran Masta usually assisted at those noted way was the sale and terret, and which conabuted, more than anything else, to the struma of madness upon him -a charge

"They called him mad. I tell you be unhappy and dissatisfied, bla great anture ill at ease in his wordid surroundings. He would have been venerated for his gifts if he had not been a king. He was a post artist musician, and one of the greatest of architects. Think of all those brantiful palaces designed by him! They called him road because he spent money so recknessly, but no one told him that the treasury was empty. How was he to know? They called blin mad because he would the great operas of Wagner per formed for himself alone, but it was be turns his sensitive soul could enjoy the music be loved, more deeply, when free from the company of sycophants and flatfecers. They have called Wagner mad, also. Who would not be mad if so he might give to the world what they have given. Who could have given Wagner the notices to develop his inspired genius but sum a king?"

Itasia Tavary values beyond all other Jewels the magnificent thamt sing given her by Ludwig to commemorate a performance of the "Nielelongen" that gave him especial delight. It has a supersharmond in the middle of a circle of smalls stones, and almost covers the lower join was another of his many gifts.

Madame Basta Tavary says that the had no trouble about the usriff, as the astem house knows her jewels co well.

Among other gifts from royalty included in her collection is a marvelous turquoise ring from the Czar of Russia. It is one

of the great stones among jewels, being of the variety called "mother" turquoise. The peculiarity of the "mother" torquoisit has an underlayer of a darker has which keeps the sky blue of the surconstantly fed so that it never fades It was not until after Ludwig's death

that Tavary acquired the European fame she now cploys. Since then, however, she has sung in all the great capitals with instant success, appearing with the best tenors and bassos, including, of course, the De Restrices. Of them she says: "They are as fine fellows an artists."

MOST INTERESTING OF ALL JEWELS.

Wonderful Collection of Rings at the South Kensington Museum, Landon, Sept. 1 .- The South Kensington Museum contains what is probably the most remarkble collection of historic rings in the world. In this most exquisite and perfeetly arranged of all treasure houses the goth of kings, the romance and tracedy of famous lives, give a keen, personal interes to the cases filled with gons that are both royal in themselves and have been made

oral by the touch of royalty.

Amid the clasped hands and true lovers knests we find one lined with the Scottist ms, having on the scal the letters M. H. Mary and Henry-the wedding ring of Mary, Queen of Scots, and Henry Darnley. The name of Mary Stuart always thrills, but he loveliness we canot gainer from any of her authentic portraits in the national galleries. We must conclude that some grace of expression that could not be caught of myas was her charm.

In black and white enamels on gold, with nexagonal buzel, we find the mouraful token given by Charles I on the day of us execution to Pashop Juxon. A hideou ounded by the inscription, "Behold the Ende ; ;" and around the outside," Eather Deth Than Fals Fayth."

The silver wesding ring of Rienzi brings to mind a strange and glorious conjunc ion I once saw at a loan exhibition for ome charity in Rome, when Vatican and Quirinat and many a noble house had for the mon entyl-ided their treasures. Around a amali space in the center. Where the king and queen received their guests, were sed the constation robes of Napoleon he torn blanket of Garibaldi, and the wonderful dalmatic of Charlemagne which roud Rienzi wore when he entered

But to return to our gems. One ring says, Never to be forgetten, 2d of January 1777." Poes anyone still remember? With nearly effaced legends, widows

seet beneath willows, holding urns or leansing inscriptions on tombs with their tears, but some exquisite examples d minimum painting in the style of Romney and George Moreland make even these commonplaces beautiful perilonsly near suffocation in a fire caused

With as the hair-ring period of mourn ing has given way to the still more dangerous setted mercury-winged widow and we have no use for the ringshollowed out line little bettles to contain tears which were a country of ancient times. Certainly filling these was not as difficult a task as that prescribed in the savage ountry Mr Grant Allen tells us of, where The borogved are obliged to ween until they fill a bottle of a certain size, and if they cannot are beaten till they do

The inscription, "God Help Maria!" make a wonder who the decor could have been Among the wedding rings is a type that heald become fashionable in America, for it brads a heart and a coronet. Simpler followsay:

"As God decreed,

God bathe wrought this choice in thee, So frame thyself to comfourth me."

Chaste and simple is this "A Faithful Wife Preserveth Life;" more abrupt and brotal was the admonition, "Observe Wed-

A Jewis's wedding ring with great bezels lifts from the band in full relief the model of the holy tabernacle of the ark of the cavemant.

ode Prince Charlie's smiles from benetiful miniature; and near by is rigore of Cupid with spread wings carooked up into his eyes. "Yes," she said "Stop Thief"



MADAME TAVARY.

I believe in love in a cottage, I know that could find happiness there with you." 'My dorling' he exclaimed, rapturously not get it fute your head that I am not an expert on cottages. You musn't think that you can palm off a cabin or a shanty on me and make me think it is a cottage. Many a dream of blass's wrecked through a misunderstanding of the meaning of the world 'cottage' When you have one that you would like to show me I will be glad to pass upon it. There must be room enough, you know, so that love won't be crowded on to the back steps every time one of up wants to turn around." As he stalked moodily away to the gloaming be realized that he could not play the flim-

"Fide," hands and death heads, the garland of flowers and knot of cildon, seem to have been the chief decorative stock of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. whose sentimentality dominated art in all its branches, "? Dye to Lyve," is a favorite piotto.

The great Merovingian and Saxon rings are among the rarest in the world. Seven hundred dollars was paid by the nuneum for the best and broken one of Arbstan tishop of Sherburne.

"iconographic" rings hold rigures or partraits of saints in the Russian style Others are reliquaries for bits of the true cross or fragments of saintly toctones. while one represents Mary Magdalene beflam game of love upon her. Chicago Post. One, formed of fifteen small crosses, was Maris!

WHAT WOMEN DO and on the fingers of a skeleton; it WITH ROD AND GUN.

Men, as a rule, welcome camp life as an ideal existence, free from the cobwen conventionalities of polite society, and feet n their wives before going to battle. A ring in favor with old veterans was that in the solitude of stream and forest the real man for once is dominant. Few women, on the other hand, are compers by instinct. They demand a mul-titude of small comforts, a most congeniat

party and a certain aroma of civilization before they consent to isolate themselves from the world at large, Occasionally, however, the woman is found who is a keen lover of sport and there, with ner rife across her kness, she solitude, and to such a temperament has kept many a vigit, and when, about

ney and broiled bioself over the coals in the fireplace.

Speckled trout, black bass, rock bass, pickerel, partridge, deer and bear are here for the seeking, while in farmyards not tive miles away the wolf occasionally lies down beside the lamb and rises outside

She knows the woods as well as an Indian, and can point out half a dozen fa-

vorite conaways of the deer. One of her favorite haunts is a mossy seat to which the roots of an upturned tree

have supplied back and arms

northern Michigan is most alluring. Each | 5 o'clock in the morning, the thirsty deer



AUTUMN JACKET AND PLAID WAIST.

patra holding the asp to her heart, in Chetro of pakoist fame.

Ar encient Venetian, of three chains obling a revolving turquoise, brown with ge, is engraved on one side with a Venus Annelyomene and on the other with a Gnostic cypher. Amid more costly gens the turquoise holds its own with strange persistence. One great turquoise cames of the Rape of Prospecine in this coffection is almost farge enough to cover the back of the hand, and there are some very beautiful camples of those inlaid with Persian in-

In thumb-rings the most splendid are those given by the Popes to cardinalsthough they did not always accompany he scarlet hat, and Wolsey's great anxlety lest a ring should not be sent with his pre-cious head covering, stands recorded. Or heroic size, they stand up several inches rom the hand, and, of course, would be good in effect only When worn with massive resture. Usually they are set in brass or conze, with great cabochens or uncut stones. One With the lion of St. Marks in alto is created with greenish chalcedony. those most prized hold a rough emerals or cabochen ruby. Thumb-rings of a more painful sort are the "thumbking or thumbouffs, used to hold the thumbs of priseners while their clothes were being cut from them. The example at South Kensincton was found beland the paneling o on old sixteenth century house

The "puzzle rings" Lord Lytton used to characterize as "ingenious stupidity." The baroque pearls of the Virgin del Pilar, and the grotesques of little jeweled men and animals are ingenius stupidity.

The collection is rich in superb cameo beach of those whom art has immortalized in Greek and Roman Intaglii, that in finest lines picture the loves and the woes of the gods; but before the wealth of precious stones the pen falls helpless, as we have so adequate Words for these dazzling barmonies.

Here are gems so rare that they are unknown to trade, and their names fall mean ingless upon our ears—Dichroite, Apophyl lite. Enclase, Plasma, and even Sumachell ells nothing of its glorious light.

Most splendid specimens are here-all nounted in rings, and many set round with diamonds of the Chasmdar (the Cingale) cat's eyel the magic Alexandrite, green by day and red by night; the star-rayed say phire and the ruby asteria-

Of well-known gems there are many three variations—the engraved emeralds, the great cab chon pigeon-blood rubies, and the yet more becoming spinel; rose-pink, wine-yellow, light-brown, claret and sea-blue: the spal, Hungarian, barlequin, black, green of peacock-blue. Here is an apricot thing only to be forgotten. slored sapphire-sapphires, indeed, in every shade, amethystine, lavender, straw dor, deep time, pale blue, white and honey yellow. There are diamonds in black.

we are from these concentrated poems stone to jewels that owe all their beauty to the craftsman the fairy friaments and artistic powderings of the Etroscanthe admirable effect of Egyptian glazingin striple materials which graw us far away from royal mottoes and "God Help

Of mystic rings there are many the | year fluds a gathering of the same trooped past to the lake, a timely shot has medienal circlet of incantation," the devotees at the shrine of nature, while revoid ner for the long hours of waiting among the inbubitants of the Queen City She tells many a good story of the Dan silver set with wolf's teeth.

A long coefficheshaped ring with three process with rod and gun is descring of so called in his gondful days from his special praise. One representing Classics, the center one representing Classics. tante to who make customary round of balls ordinary playing can'ts, and tens is an ordent to be faced with His Irish-French Indian ancestry has terror.

> To bear her masp in dismay at the prosport of a reception, or to see the long eye lashes cover a pair of timed eyes if she is presented to a stranger, bardly prepares you for a damitless young person in the roods, tramping ten or fifteen miles over hardly perceptible trails without apparent futigue and handling her sifle with the damty care a young mother bestows on her Partridge shooting is her especial pas

me, and she avers that the soft "whire" of the birds as they rise in sweeter sic to her ears than the best two-step ever played. "I am myself in the woods," she says

enthusiastically. "I love the springy feel-ing of the moss under foot, the tangle of the underbrush, the unexpected turning and twisting of the trail and the sunlight filtering through the beavy branches over

"I would give all the days in camp for one of the nights," says an older sports woman; "give me a spicy bed of hemlock boughs, with my gou lying on a couple of notebed sticks at the head. Then at midnight I'll get up and steal out noiselessiy into the startit night, stepping carefully or be balls of my feet, stopping every fiftee or twenty feet to stand a few minutes by and a tree, listening for a cracking in the underbrush, and after an hour's stalk ing there is a deer standing motionles Harming now with one ear back, now both then the nose comes forward, sniffing the unknown danger, then the polse for flight -up with my rille-a shot through the shoulder-burral! I've got my deer!" "Did I ever have buck fever?" Never.

learned to shoot in the Adirondacks when I was a very young girl. My guide took a piece of tanbark and shaped it like the head and shoulders of a deer. Then he nailed it on a tree on the banks of a stream. I won't tell you where it is," said he

You must keep your eyes open, and when you see it, take good also and fire." 'I shall never forget how I watched the banks as he paddled me upstream unt I saw my target. I hit it in the shoulder, and the next day he took me after deer in earnest. When I saw my deer in range thought of my tan-bark model, simed to the shoulder, and shot my first deer."

The best all-tound sportswoman of

Marquette takes camping sans frills of any kind. To see her arrayed for Wading streams in a discarded suit of her hesband's, long rubber boots reaching to the hips, and a dilapidated slouch pulled over her eyes, is to realize that in her estimation sport is the only consideration and personal appearance a

Tireless sue wades the fce-cold treams, trying at each dark little pool to lare out the speckled trout, which in such small streams are much more vivid in coloring than those captured in deep

rock fishing. Her camp is an ideal one, on the bor-

Superior. Fish swim up to the front door of the cabin to be caught, and deer walk up to

developed in him a love of the marvelous, a rampunt imagination, and a pursion for telling a good-story.

He heard in some way of the "Azabian

Nights," and promptly applied for a copy. "If you just lend me that book I put a raper cover on him and keep him alcopetitioned, and for weeks afterward there would be a gathering of half breeds very evening to listen to the narvelous stories of the East.

"Those stories true," said Jack, coneinchaffy; "yes, sir, my mother told me those stories when I was a little boy." And, stimulated by their obserful influence, his own stories of adventuce grew into unheard

He located the home of the Indian god a cave near the camp, and suggested his being propitiated by offerings of to sacco. He described river beds full of gold. with such enthusiasm and accuracy that ore than one poor man tramped with him tay after day in their quest. Whatever he thought you wished him to

ay, he said with much corroborative de-He would have told of finding aluminum r arsenic if you had mentioned either of

His personal appearance in camp was not

iways immaculate "Come, Jack, let's go and wash this morn

ng," one of the men said to him. diplo-natically. "I have wash," he answered. with great dignity. "Not your face, Jack you baven't washed your face!" ace, no; I wash my face once a week-my hands every day. Face can't get dirty-"I'll tell you a pretty good joke modern Diana to me the other day. "Is appened several years ago that the man appointed as game warden was a towns an, who knew absolutely nothing about the woods. He was a friend of ours, and when he announced his intention of makng a tour of inspection to see if he could eatch some offenders shooting out of season we invited him to combine business

"He accepted and the first day we were out he talked a great deal about the penalties of the law-said he didn't see what people are venison for, anyway. He had bought it several times at the parket, and of all dry, tasteless stuff, it was the worst.

with pleasure and take a camping trip

"Our intentions had been perfectly honerable, but the chance was too good to ose, and that night," here Diana's eyes winkled suspiciously, "some stole out in the night, and, about four miles from camp, shot a deer "The next morning we had the tender-

toin fried for breakfast. 'This breakfast is really delicious,' said the unsuspecting game warden as he passed the plate for the second time. 'How do you get that peculiar flavor? I must tell my

"The next day we had some ribs-told him it was mutton from a neighboring farm house-and he pronounced it the best he ders of a small lake, not far from Lake had ever tasted. Well, he are venison every day he was in camp, and never suspected it. The loke was too good to keep, however, and after he went home he

not be surprised to hear that a partridge it. It was years before he forgave us had oldgingly dropped through the chim

and even now we choose other topics of conversation in preference to camping."

R is not to satisfy the pleasures of the palate that women care to hunt and fish, neither does the commercial side of gain

appeal to them.
It is the eleverness of one particular shot, the tact in landing a particularly warr fish, which delights them. It is a

centre for conquest and a keep pleasure in their own skill.

les, a difference of environment or of setween the woman who successfully lands a five-pound specialed troot and the woman who lands an English east. The ambition, coorage and patience which sus-tain her in her long vigil and the adroitness with which she brings down her deer as the first abot, are precisely the qualities by which the unknown Western aspirant dronquers the inner circle of New York's 400.

After a day's tireless pursuit of speckled trout, there is a virtuous satisfaction in naiting those transfer, weighing five pounds apiece, on the side of a farmhnose and secuting a picture of them, to show the doubt-ing Thomases. Clapbourds are airustworthy evidence as to size, and the proof can be flaunted triumphantly.

Or a catch of more fish of smaller size can be himm from the front flap of a tent, and a snapshot will show them swing in the air, with the neighboring tents as a

bacoground. "These are my jewels!" Diana exclaims, and as she watches the coral spots glistening in the sunlight she rows that they are more beautiful in her eyes than rubies.

For that unlucky person who has never seen a deer in the woods she has a scorn like unto that with which the expeglobe trotter regards that unfortunate who has never crossed the Atlantic.

Truly, there is an much difference between the deer in his native limints and the deer in captivity as between these Indians whom our forefathers found roaming the forests and the modern product of our Indian reservations.

It is instead, an incalculable loss never to have spent a night in woods or bayou, never to have seen appear from the surrounding eyesting balls of fire, the delicately poin ears, the graceful poise, as the young prince of the forces pauses for one moment a being all fire, all soil, before whom on effects one's self a clamer, inwieldy mortal taking un-due advantage of firearms and feeling it as

cownfully a proceeding as bonn throwing. That is a but I feet, for I am no sports-woman, but Diana only draws a little quicker breath as her shot does its work, and she tells me with an exultant laugh that the reason I talk so is because ul-in t lift a deer in a dozen shots, which may be true.

At the breaufast table Diana makes a good story of it all and I swallow my reone with the ventson.

It is a gay morning. "The best aims of being weather." Diana says, and we are going to explore a neighboring stream.

TO PURIFY WATER.

Do not take a drink in the dark. Look before you drink as well as before you leap. The animal life in water can frequently he seem with the naked eye Tuey are from a afateenth to an eighth of an inch long, and go wrigging and liggling around in the water as though they had an enormous amount of work to do and a short limit of time to which to do it. They may be harmless, but they are pretty large to swallow alive.

The expression "Barmless as water" is one which has not always the destrable attribute of truth, for nothing is more navniful than impure water. The excessive heat of summer makes one drink more water then is drunk in the winter time; hence increased precautions are necessary. It would be well to dink water that has been both filtered and distilled, if possible. Thus-in moderate diremistances cannot all againsthis, but there are a few simple prevautions that almost anyone can take. There is sediment in all water, and in this sediment disease furies. You can filter and you can precipitate. For a of ail.

A resent writer on means of purifying water for household use, gives tide simple recipe. Mix alom with the water to be porified in the proportion of 1 to 6,000 or 1 to 10,000. Stirthoroughly, and let the water settle for a few hours. A perfectly cont water can be decented; having a please ant, refreshing taste, and not only connoing no bacteria at first, but remaining free from them even if allowed to stand in open vessels for acceptal days. This rater is found to be chemically free from dum, since the latter, when precipitated, rms an insoluble corepound with the size

wended matter. The great objection to all the customary odes of Oltering water is found in the cressed susceptibility of the water to mise pent contamination, and it seems that a more in the right direction is now unde by this discovery, so simple, which fernishes a water capable of resisting auto-inte-tion. Some large water suplies in France have used this method as hinery suitably constructed to guarantee the therough and proper mixing

For ordinary household acrowes a cream be used. Then when the water settles, if you have to pour it off, be careful not to beart, the selfment at the bottom.

The conscalnature of the changes which com bete have not get been explained. The most extraordinary feature or with water purified in this way is its rein other words, to preserve its power of elf-protection against infection from without. This simple plan may be destined to come into extensive use in replacing the rainary household filter, which is too often simply an abundantion, tending in many uses to in rease the objectionable features

which it is designed to remove. Every boundscoper will appreciate this imple means of getting pure water for er family, since it avoids the boreiole task of watching the filter, which very few girls an be trusted with. By this means there is othing to buy in the shape of a filter.

The water supply can be made and putthe too in bottles, which is a much better way to cool than by putting ice directly in the water. Clear ice has less disease deres in it than ice with air bubbles, and the snow which is so often on top is also

Murk Twate on Degenerates.

White Mark Twain was in Dreater be expressed a wish to meet Dr. Paul Lindon. The resident there, which brought the two distinguished authors together. When conversation became general Dr. Lindau gave his views on America. He and been here for a few weeks and knew it all. In particular he condemned the chaute of Florida, which he pronounced Floreeds. Mr. Clemens thetenpon spoke upo 'I was there some years ago, and spent one time at Key West. While at Key West a schooner put in one day with several of the crew dead from rellaw fever. Welf, there was great excitement in the fown, and elaborate preparations were made for the funeral. A minister was secured to officiate and when all was ready be opened his prayerbook and read the marriage service. There was no funeral service in the Key West prayer taoks. They never have occasion to use the back door to be shot, and I should heard of it. Mad! That's a mild word for It." - Geveland Plain Dealer.